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The data contained in this bulletin are revised yearly.

TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN NOVEMBER 1988

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the U.S. Department of Labor.

CALIFORNIA SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Numbers in thousands)	NOVEMBER 1988	OCTOBER 1988	SEPTEMBER 1988	NOVEMBER 1987
Total civilian labor force[a/]	14,338	14,188	14,142	13,912
Total civilian employment	13,584	13,457	13,411	13,172
Total unemployment	754	703	731	740
Seasonally adjusted rate (%)	5.3	5.0	5.2	5.3
Range[b/]	4.6-6.0	4.3-5.7	4.4-6.0	4.7-5.9
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.9
CALIFORNIA UNADJUSTED (Numbers in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force[a/]	14,337	14,200	14,116	13,986
Total civilian employment	13,606	13,524	13,409	13,190
Total unemployment	731	676	707	716
Unadjusted rate (%)	5.1	4.8	5.0	5.1
Range[b/]	4.4-5.8	4.1-5.5	4.2-5.8	4.5-5.7

a/ Total labor force by place of residence, including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.
b/ Range as shown is at the 90% level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS: California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November was 5.3 percent, up from the 5.0 percent in October. A year ago, in November, the rate was 5.3 percent. During November in California, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 127,000 over the month while unemployment increased by 31,000. The national civilian seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November was 5.4 percent, up from the 5.3 percent in October.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, not seasonally adjusted, increased by 67,800 from 12,265,300 in October to 12,333,100 in November. The largest increase in employment was in the government sector where substantial gains were recorded in the education and county government components with 18,300 and 21,800 additional jobs, respectively. Employment in the wholesale and retail trade sector increased by 34,200; retail trade contributed 33,300 jobs to that total. When adjusted for seasonality, all major industry sectors except mining registered increases in employment in November. Since November 1987, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment has increased by 426,700, a gain of 3.8 percent over the year.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE
POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA
(Numbers in Thousands)
Data Are Not Seasonally Adjusted
Data Are Three-Month Moving Averages•

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	NOVEMBER 1988	OCTOBER 1988	SEPTEMBER 1988	NOVEMBER 1987
Total, Age 16 +				
Labor Force	14,218	14,191	14,224	13,840
Employed	13,513	13,465	13,444	13,090
Unemployed	705	726	780	750
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.1	5.5	5.4
Male, Age 20 +				
Labor Force	7,642	7,634	7,642	7,356
Employed	7,309	7,303	7,284	7,040
Unemployed	333	331	358	316
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.3
Female, Age 20 +				
Labor Force	5,786	5,788	5,645	5,667
Employed	5,535	5,450	5,375	5,380
Unemployed	251	258	270	288
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.5	4.8	5.1
Both Sexes, Age 16-19				
Labor Force	790	850	937	818
Employed	670	713	785	671
Unemployed	120	137	152	147
Unemployment Rate	15.2	16.1	16.2	18.0
White, Age 16 +				
Labor Force	11,992	11,982	12,018	11,650
Employed	11,432	11,395	11,382	11,062
Unemployed	560	587	636	588
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.0
Nonwhite, Age 16 +				
Labor Force	2,226	2,209	2,206	2,191
Employed	2,081	2,070	2,062	2,028
Unemployed	145	139	144	162
Unemployment Rate	6.5	6.3	6.5	7.4

•Data supplied by the U.S. Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data are available for areas within California. The sample upon which the data in Table 2 is based was reduced in April 1988. The result has been volatile monthly unemployment estimates for specific labor market groups. Therefore, data show a THREE-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE instead of monthly data. For example, July's data are an average of May, June, and July.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS• OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS
IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	OCT 1988	SEP 1988	OCT 1987	OCT 1988	SEP 1988	OCT 1987	OCT 1988	SEP 1988	OCT 1987
California	$444.72	$446.35	$437.40	40.8	40.8	40.5	$10.90	$10.94	$10.80

•Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. These are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings. Data are preliminary and subject to change.